CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for implementing a review system to facilitate network-based evaluation of materials prepared by a contractor for a client, the method being implemented in connection with a computer network that includes a management platform accessible by way of contractor, client and reviewer portals, and the method comprising:

receiving, at the management platform, the materials prepared by the contractor on behalf of the client;

receiving, at the management platform, input from the client identifying at least one third party from whom input concerning the contractor materials is to be solicited;

transmitting a notification to the at least one third party;

making the materials prepared by the contractor available by way of the management platform for review by the at least one third party;

receiving, at the management platform, input from the at least one third party concerning the materials prepared by the contractor; and

making input from the at least one third party available at the management platform for review by the client.

2.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the input provided by the client concerning the at least one third party from whom input concerning the contractor materials is to be solicited comprises a name and electronic mail address associated with the at least one third party.

3.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the notification transmitted to the at least one third party includes a hyperlink.

4.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the notification transmitted to the at least one third party comprises an email.

5.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the notification transmitted to the at least one third party comprises:

     a message body;

     a hyperlink; and

     an email address associated with the client.

6.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein receipt of input from the client identifying at least one third party from whom input concerning the contractor materials is to be solicited occurs prior to receipt, at the management platform, of the materials prepared by the contractor on behalf of the client.

7.   The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising transmitting a notification to the client indicating that the materials prepared by the contractor are available for review.

8.   The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising making the input received from the at least one third party available for display.

9.   The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising using at least some of the input from the at least one third party to facilitate definition of a project request.

10.   The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising making the project request available to at least one contractor.

11.   The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the project request comprises a revision brief.

12.   The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising using one or more predetermined rules to generate a job schedule concerning the project request.

13.   The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising providing a status update to the client concerning the project request.

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14.   A computer program product for implementing a method for implementing a review system to facilitate network-based evaluation of materials prepared by a contractor for a client, the method being implemented in connection with a computer network that includes a management platform accessible by way of contractor, client and reviewer portals, the computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium carrying computer executable instructions for performing the method, wherein the method comprises:

receiving, at the management platform, the materials prepared by the contractor on behalf of the client;

receiving, at the management platform, input from the client identifying at least one third party from whom input concerning the contractor materials is to be solicited;

transmitting a notification to the at least one third party;

making the materials prepared by the contractor available by way of the management platform for review by the at least one third party;

receiving, at the management platform, input from the at least one third party concerning the materials prepared by the contractor; and

making input from the at least one third party available at the management platform for review by the client.

15.   The computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the notification transmitted to the at least one third party includes a hyperlink.

16. The computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the input provided by the client concerning the at least one third party from whom input concerning the contractor materials is to be solicited comprises a name and electronic mail address associated with the at least one third party.

17. The computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the notification transmitted to the at least one third party comprises an email.

18. The computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the notification transmitted to the at least one third party comprises:

a message body;

a hyperlink; and

an email address associated with the client.

19. The computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein receipt of input from the client identifying at least one third party from whom input concerning the contractor materials is to be solicited occurs prior to receipt, at the management platform, of the materials prepared by the contractor on behalf of the client.

20. The computer program product as recited in claim 14, further comprising transmitting a notification to the client indicating that the materials prepared by the contractor are available for review.

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21.   The computer program product as recited in claim 14, further comprising making the input received from the at least one third party available for display.

22.   The computer program product as recited in claim 14, further comprising using at least some of the input from the at least one third party to facilitate definition of a project request.

23.   The computer program product as recited in claim 22, further comprising making the project request available to at least one contractor.

24.   The computer program product as recited in claim 22, wherein the project request comprises a revision brief.

25.   The computer program product as recited in claim 22, further comprising using one or more predetermined rules to generate a job schedule concerning the project request.

26.   The computer program product as recited in claim 22, further comprising providing a status update to the client concerning the project request.

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27.   A method for generating a review profile for use in connection with a review system configured to facilitate network-based evaluation of materials prepared by a contractor for a client, the method being implemented in connection with a computer network that includes a management platform accessible by way of contractor, client and reviewer portals, and the method comprising:

identifying at least one parameter associated with the materials prepared by the contractor;

correlating identification information of at least one third party reviewer with the at least one parameter associated with the materials prepared by the contractor; and

developing a third party reviewer notification that corresponds to the at least one parameter and to the identification information.

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